

# FACT SHEET

## *Important Dates in the History of Fort Meade*

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- 31 Dec. 1815: George Gordon Meade born.
- 28 June 1863: Gen. George G. Meade named Commander of the Army of the Potomac.
- 1-3 July 1863: Battle of Gettysburg, Pa.
- 6 Nov. 1872: General George G. Meade dies.
- 6 April 1917: United States enters World War I.
- 18 May 1917: Selective Service Act passed. Includes provisions for construction of 16 new cantonments.
- 23 June 1917: Contract signed for construction of Camp Meade.
- 2 July 1917: Construction of Camp Meade begins.
- 18 July 1917: War Department General Order 95 names cantonment Camp Meade.
- 15 Sept. 1917: Initial building phase completed.
- 1917-1918: Over 10,000 men train at Meade for World War I. The 11<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Divisions are all stationed here, as are an officer's training school, a remount depot, an ordnance supply school and a depot brigade. Many "Hello Girls," signal corps telephone operators, train at Fort Meade as well.
- 1919: The Office of the Chief of the Tank Corps and the Tank School established at Camp Meade.
- 2 March 1928: Camp Meade made a permanent installation named Fort Leonard Wood until 1929 when the name was changed to Fort George G. Meade.
- 1932: Tank School transferred to Fort Benning, Ga.
- 1920-1940: The Army Cooks and Bakers School, headquarters of the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, and the 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (light tanks) and Citizens Military Training Corps (CMTC) assigned for varying amounts of time.
- 1941: Trainees from Md., Pa., Va. and the District of Columbia began arriving at the reception center on post. The 29<sup>th</sup> Division activated and assigned to the post for training.
- 8 Dec. 1941: United States enters World War II.
- 1942: Tank destroyer force developed and the Special Services Unit Training Center opens at Fort Meade.
- 1943: Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot Number-One organized.
- May 1945: Prisoner of War Information Bureau and camp opened.

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- 15 June 1947: Second U.S. Army headquarters transfers from Baltimore to Fort Meade.
- 1940's: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) assigned to Fort Meade.
- 1952: National Security Agency (NSA) created at Fort Meade.
- 1954: Construction of first NSA building begins.
- 1955-1958: 2<sup>nd</sup> ACR assigned to post
- 1960: Tipton Army Airfield created
- 1962-1966: 11<sup>th</sup> ACR replaces the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACR.
- Jan. 1966: First and Second Army merge. First U.S. Army opens at Fort Meade.
- 1966-1974: The 6<sup>th</sup> ACR is at Fort Meade.
- 1992: Fort Meade's training and gunnery ranges closed and turned over to the Department of the Interior and Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.
- 1995: First Army relocates to Fort Gillem.
- 1997: Defense Information School is complete and operational.
- 1999: Tipton Airfield turned over to civilian control.
- 2006: First Army returns to Fort Meade.